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## Bravo! Esprit 99

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Bravo! Studio, Chum-City Building  
Thursday May 6, 1999

A Party and Concert to Benefit Esprit Orchestra



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**JEAN STILWELL** mezzo-soprano

accompanied by **PETER TIEFENBACH** piano

Music to be performed:

Poulenc:            Les Chemins de l'Amour  
                         Hôtel

Esprit Soloist

Weill:             Je ne t'aime pas  
                         Surabaya Johnny  
                         Saga of Jenny

Esprit Soloist

Höllerer:          Sex Appeal

## **Tonight's Esprit Soloists**

STUART LAUGHTON, principal trumpet  
DOUG STEWART, principal flute

6:30 p.m.	hors d'oeuvres and drinks
7:30 p.m.	concert
post concert	coffee & dessert

## JEAN STILWELL

*mezzo-soprano*

Hailed on three continents for her complex portrayal of *Carmen*, Jean Stilwell is at the forefront of this generation's mezzo-sopranos. Since her first *Carmen* in Vancouver, Bizet's fascinating gypsy has opened many doors for Ms. Stilwell and she has appeared with the Buxton Festival, New York City Opera, Welsh National Opera, English National Opera, Opera Zuid of Holland, Pittsburgh Opera and all the opera companies of Canada.

In summer 1999, she can be heard performing Dido for Toronto's Opera Atelier in Singapore, and at the Avanti Festival in Finland singing a program of Schoenberg Cabaret Songs.

Ms. Stilwell is internationally renowned for the variety of her repertoire and the 1998/99 season clearly shows the scope of her artistry. Ms. Stilwell began with a career debut: Verdi's enigmatic Princess Ellobi in *Don Carlo* for L'Opera de Montréal. Also on her 98-99 schedule were Beethoven's *Symphony No. 9* with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, *Zigeunerbaron* at the National Arts Centre, and her first Santuzza in *Cavalleria Rusticana* for the Kingston Symphony. She was chosen to head-

line the new Guelph River Run Arts Centre's vocal series with an inaugural recital in December.

In addition to her triumphs as *Carmen*, Ms. Stilwell is in demand for a unique array of operatic starring roles including Penelope in *Il Ritorno di Ulisse in Patria*, Lucretia in *The Rape of Lucretia*, Charlotte in *Werther*, the title role in *Xerxes*, and Mother Marie in *Les Dialogues des Carmelites*.

In Japan, Ms. Stilwell has appeared for Sony Music Communications in Tokyo and she was Artist-in-Residence for the Takefu International Festival. Her recording of Berio's *Folk Songs* with the Canadian Chamber Ensemble is available on the CBC SM 5000 label and she is frequently heard on CBC Broadcasts. A CD of Louis Spohr's *Sechs Lieder* with the Amici Ensemble is scheduled for release this spring.

## PETER TIEFENBACH

*piano*

Peter Tiefenbach is well-known to Canadian radio listeners as the former host of the CBC programmes, *The Arts Tonight* and *Radio Concert Hall*. He now has a busy career as a pianist, composer and conductor.

Highlights of his current season include a concerto appearance with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra under Bramwell Tovey, the premiere of his *Song for St Celia's Day* (commissioned by Chorus Niagara), performances with contralto Maureen Forrester and with soprano/comedienne Mary Lou Fallis. Current commissions include a suite for the Gryphon Trio and a song cycle for mezzo-soprano Jean Stilwell.

Peter lives in Toronto, where he is a faculty member of the Glenn Gould Professional School at the Royal Conservatory of Music.



### UPCOMING ESPRIT EVENTS & CONCERTS

#### September 1-10, 1999

Esprit's debut tour of Europe including concerts in Amsterdam and Paris.

#### October 19, 1999

Jane Mallett Theatre  
Opening Concert of the Esprit Orchestra 1999/2000 Season.

#### November 14, 1999

Massey Hall  
Concert Tribute to Harry Somers and His Music.

#### March 2000

*Toward A Living Art*  
Mini-Festival & Subscription Concert.

#### May 2000

Subscription Concert as part of the MusicCanada 2000 Festival.

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